

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2152
of Connect!LD, Inc. of Little)
Rock, Arkansas, seeking authority)
to obtain a Certificate of Public) GRANTED
Convenience and Necessity to)
provide competitive switched-based)
resold interexchange telecommu-)
nications services in Nebraska.) Entered: February 15, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed November 8, 1999, Connect!LD, Inc. (Connect!LD or Applicant) of Little Rock, Arkansas, seeks authority to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive switched-based resold interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 17, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Connect!LD is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Nevada and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Connect Holdings Corporation. Connect Holdings Corporation is a sister company of Connect Communications Corp. (CCC), an Arkansas corporation. CCC, through its affiliates, provides both interexchange and local exchange services in a number of states. Connect!LD is a newly-created entity and will, therefore, rely on the financial resources and technical and managerial expertise of CCC when providing service in Nebraska. The applicant has received authority to conduct business in Nebraska from the Secretary of State.

The applicant proposes to provide a variety of resold interexchange telecommunications services, including dialed 1+ service, switched and dedicated services, toll-free service and post-paid calling services. Services offered by the applicant will be offered throughout the entire state of Nebraska. Applicant is a non-facilities-based carrier and will provide services over facilities leased from existing certificated carriers. Applicant filed evidence demonstrating its financial, managerial and technical competency.

Interexchange reseller applications are subject to Commission jurisdiction under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 75-604 and 86-805 and Title 291 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Rule 003.12. From examination of the application filed herein, the Commission finds the applicant has provided all the information required by the Commission, possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service and possesses adequate technical and managerial competency to provide the proposed service. The application should be granted.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2152 be, and it is hereby, granted and Connect!LD, Inc. is authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes on or before April 30th of each year, an annual report with this Commission consisting of: (a) a copy of any report filed with the Federal Communications Commission; (b) a copy of any annual report to stockholders; and (c) a copy of the latest Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If these are not available, applicant shall submit a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation, as well as the investment made in telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues and expenses and taxes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent applicable, the applicant shall comply with all laws pertaining to, and all rules and regulations promulgated under, the Telecommunications Relay System Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1302 to 86-1307) and the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1402 to 86-1410).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file its current tariff prior to offering service pursuant to the certificate granted in this order.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and it is hereby made, the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as a common carrier.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of February, 2000.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

James Johnson

Frank E. Landis
Chairman

Robert R. Haggdon

ATTEST:

Robert R. Haggdon
Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller